

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-4 and 7-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 19 will be pending in the application. Claims 10, 14, 18, and 20 have been canceled. The amendments to claim 1 are supported by the description appearing on line 4 of page 59 to the last line on page 60 and Figure 9 of the present specification.

Applicants request reconsideration of the rejections detailed in the Office Action based upon the following comments.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action sets forth the following obviousness rejection:

- claims 1-3 and 7-20 are rejected based upon Omokawa (US Patent 6,451,493), Organic Photoreceptors for Imaging Systems to Borsenger, pp. 6-17, Matsuura (US Patent 5,604,574), and Tsuchiya (US 5,740,498).

Applicants respectfully assert that the rejections should be withdrawn in regards of pending claims 1-4 and 7-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 19. Applicants believe that the cited prior art fails to teach, suggest, or hint that the surface layer of the first roller is POM, the surface of the second roller is EPDM, and that the brush roller is flocked with polyester fibers.

Applicants note that the Tsuchiya patent discloses paper dust removal devices as shown in Figures 2 and 8, however this patent fails to show the constitution materials of the upper roller 1 and lower roller 2 (Fig. 8) and the rollers 26 and 27 (Fig. 2). Applicants further note that, in Figs. 2 and 4, the paper dust removal device 28 has the

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paper dust holding member 82 composed of felt-like acrylic fiber which is fixedly mounted to one side of the elastic member 81.

Double Patenting

Applicants have canceled claims 10, 14, 18, and 20 from the application to obviate a potential double patenting rejection.

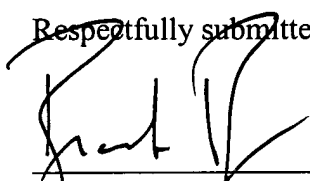
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

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